

WEATHER
&
CROPS

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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2003

Virginia experienced a mostly dry week with only a small amount of rainfall in some parts of the state. Temperatures remained a few degrees above normal for this time of the year. Unlike last week, there were no reports of frost in the Commonwealth. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. There was still evidence of hurricane damage in many of the crops. Farmers continued harvesting corn and soybeans and seeding barley and wheat. Hay making continued. Cotton and peanut harvesting activities got underway this week. Producers continued with cleanup activities following Hurricane Isabel. Other farming activities included fall calving, repairing fences, spreading fertilizer and lime, sampling soil, bush hogging, preparing land for small grain seeding, and defoliating cotton.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 12	1	8	75	16
October 5	0	3	71	26
September 28	0	1	63	36
September 21	0	6	61	33
September 14	1	7	69	23

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	3	17	57	22
Livestock	0	1	14	64	21
Other Hay	0	5	21	61	13
Alfalfa Hay	2	9	30	49	10
Corn for Grain	9	19	20	37	15
Soybeans	4	90	21	42	24
Peanuts	0	1	22	50	27
Cotton	1	4	21	50	24
Apples	0	5	41	53	1

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dent	95	92	100	100
Corn for Grain Mature	81	72	100	95
Corn for Grain Harvested	52	39	80	69
Corn for Silage Harvested	92	85	100	91
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	66	40	75	64
Soybeans Harvested	7	3	14	9
Winter Wheat Seeded	15	10	17	14
Barley Seeded	34	18	55	38
Peanuts Dug	30	21	59	65
Peanuts Combined	17	7	40	46
Cotton Bolls Opening	72	61	96	89
Cotton Harvested	4	1	37	27
Fall Apples Harvested	76	68	85	74
Winter Apples Harvested	69	38	48	46

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2003							
WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	84	48	68	2	0.99	0.17	4
Bremo Bluff	93	47	72	0	1.31	0.50	3
Burkes Garden	81	44	66	5	1.88	1.09	3
Camp Pickett	91	55	73	3	2.42	1.65	4
Chatham	87	54	72	2	2.04	1.20	3
Dale Enterprise	86	51	70	2	1.30	0.53	5
Danville AG	89	58	75	2	3.50	2.73	3
Floyd	84	48	67	2	0.93	0.09	3
Free Union	86	52	70	-4	0.95	-0.03	5
Glasgow	91	56	73	3	1.30	0.60	4
Hillsville	84	53	70	4	0.92	0.12	5
Lake Of The Woods	85	54	71	-1	2.08	1.24	5
Lynchburg	88	53	71	-2	1.36	0.62	3
Mount Weather	76	53	65	-3	3.27	2.47	4
Norfolk	94	63	79	5	2.21	1.23	3
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	88	54	71	-1	2.72	1.88	4
Pulaski	84	51	68	2	1.72	1.03	4
Richlands	84	51	69	7	1.47	0.68	4
Richmond	89	57	74	0	2.77	1.96	3
Roanoke	90	53	72	1	0.82	-0.02	3
Saltville	84	53	71	3	2.49	1.70	4
Somerset	86	53	73	2	1.38	0.54	6
Staunton	86	49	70	3	2.31	1.49	6
Stuart	86	56	71	2	1.26	0.22	3
The Plains	85	49	69	-3	2.22	1.38	4
Washington Dulles	86	52	71	-1	1.35	0.51	4
Waynesboro	87	49	69	2	1.03	0.21	5
Winchester	86	50	69	-1	2.30	1.53	4
Woodstock	85	53	70	-1	1.95	1.23	4
Wytheville	82	51	68	2	1.85	1.15	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.